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SUBJECT: IEA: CANADIAN VIEWS ON SECRETARIAT SUMMARY OF  
JUNE 11 GB MEETING ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER RELATIONS

REF: OECD PARIS 15376

1. CANADIAN PERMREP (TOWE) HAS SENT FOLLOWING LETTER  
TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR HOPKINS RESPONDING TO HOPKINS'  
SUMMARY PAPER (REFTEL). LETTER, WHICH CANADIANS HAVE  
ALSO SENT TO ALL IEA DELEGATIONS, IS VERY NEGATIVE  
STATING THAT CANADA DOES NOT ENDORSE THE PAPER. MORE  
SPECIFICALLY, CANADA: DOES NOT FAVOR HARMONIZATION OF  
POLICIES WITHIN IEA OR OECD ON COMMODITIES AND  
DEVELOPMENT; CANNOT FORMALLY ENDORSE "AT THIS TIME" THE  
PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 3 COMMISSIONS; AND DOES  
NOT FAVOR THE IEA GETTING INVOLVED IN PREPARATION FOR  
THE DIALOGUE, OR HAVING THE GB CHAIRMAN SPEAK ON BEHALF  
OF THE IEA TO THE SEVEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR MR. HOPKINS,

CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE

IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN  
DOCUMENT IA/GB(75)42, I AM INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY TO YOU  
THE FOLLOWING VIEWS OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

FIRST, WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE  
NOTE, YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT THERE REMAIN DIFFERENCES  
OF VIEW BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE IEA REGARDING VARIOUS  
ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE DIALOGUE, NOTABLY WITH RESPECT  
TO THE ISSUES OF COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT. MOREOVER,  
I DOUBT THAT IT IS IN FACT THE OBJECTIVE OF A NUMBER OF  
OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES TO HARMONIZE POSITIONS AND CONCERT  
APPROACHES IN THESE AREAS; CERTAINLY CANADA IS NOT IN  
FAVOR OF SUCH AN OBJECTIVE. (IN ANY CASE, I WONDER  
ABOUT THE PROPRIETY OF THE AGENCY ITSELF SEEKING TO  
ESTABLISH A LINK BETWEEN OECD AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUPS  
AND WHATEVER COMMISSIONS MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED.) THUS WE  
COULD NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE FIRST ALINEA OF THE FOURTH  
PARAGRAPH OF THE COVER NOTE, NOR TO PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3  
OF ANNEX I. ALSO, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME  
FORMALLY TO ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF SEPARATE COMMISSIONS  
ON ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT. IN FURTHER  
DISCUSSION WE WOULD HAVE MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO MAKE  
ON THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THIS CONCEPT INDICATED IN  
PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE ANNEX.

SECOND, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, WE WOULD NOT  
FAVOR THE AGENCY AS SUCH INJECTING ITSELF INTO THE  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE DIALOGUE AT THIS STAGE.

THIRD, IT FOLLOWS THAT WE HAVE RESERVATIONS  
REGARDING THE SUGGESTION, IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE  
COVER NOTE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN "MAKE  
KNOWN" TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVEN LDC PARTICIPANTS  
AT THE PARIS MEETING THE "CONSIDERATIONS" SET OUT IN  
ANNEX I. IT IS NOT EVIDENT TO US THAT THE CHAIR-  
MAN WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COMMUNICATE SUCH VIEWS TO  
THESE COUNTRIES IN A COMPLETELY INFORMAL AND NON-

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COMMITTAL FASHION WITHOUT APPEARING TO HAVE A SPECIFIC  
MANDATE TO ACT IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNING BOARD;  
CERTAINLY MY GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WISH A "BOUT DE  
PAPIER" OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATION ALONG THE LINES  
OF ANNEX I TO BE PASSED TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING  
PARTICIPANTS.

FINALLY, THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER IT  
APPROPRIATE THAT THE THREE INDUSTRIALIZED PARTICIPANTS  
SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE BILATERAL DEMARCHES  
NECESSARY FOR THE RECONVENING OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING.  
WE COULD NOT, OF COURSE, OBJECT TO THESE THREE INDICATING  
IN ANY DEMARCHES THEY MAY MAKE WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE  
THE POSITIONS OF OTHER IEA COUNTRIES.

IN SUMMARY, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO ENDORSE  
ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THE CONSIDERATIONS  
SET FORTH IN ANNEX I. BUT, I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT MY GOVERNMENT WOULD OBJECT TO THESE BEING PUT  
FORWARD BY THE UNITED STATES, THE E.E.C. AND JAPAN AS AN  
APPROACH WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR REOPENING THE  
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PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE, AND WHICH THEY CONSIDER AS  
BROADLY REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF A NUMBER OF IEA MEMBERS.  
YOURS SINCERELY, P. M. TOWE, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
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